

In this week's Kukini



■ It's Fire Prevention Week at Hickam Air Force base — 'plug into fire safety' **A3**

News Notes

Bowling Tournament — The Hawaii First Sergeant's Council is sponsoring a bowling tournament on April 10. Bowling will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Hickam Bowling Alley. Proceeds will support Hickam AFB Warmheart Programs. Please see your unit First Sergeant to sign-up.

Free soccer clinic with UH coaches — "Kicks For Kids" is a free clinic given by University of Hawaii soccer coaches. It's for players 8-13 years at Hickam AFB Youth Sports Soccer Field, behind Youth Center B1335. This special clinic scheduled Saturday, April 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. Each participant will receive a free soccer ball and the attendance is limited to the first 200 children. Registration will take place from April 13-17 at the Makai Recreation Center. This should reduce confusion since spring soccer registration will be taking place at the same time at the Youth Sports and Fitness Center.

Turn in surveys — Hickam Community Housing (HCH) would like to remind its residents to complete and return the annual resident satisfaction survey, the CEL, which was distributed last month. The survey monitors service performance and resident satisfaction, and information received through it helps HCH's management team ensure it is providing excellent services to its families. Deadline is April 30.

Understanding Your Kids' True Colors — The Airman and Family Readiness Flight will be hosting a special workshop on April 8 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for parents and kids ages 10 and up. If you are like most parents, seeing eye to eye with your kids can be difficult. This class will offer strategies in learning how to better understand yourself, value the differences in your children and enhance communications in your home. Register at 449-0300.

AADD is looking for volunteers — AADD is looking for volunteers to fill both shifts Friday April 3 and Saturday April 4. The shifts run from 2200-0100 and from 0100-0400. All volunteers will work out of the USO at the AMC

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Photo by Chris Aguinaldo

The 15th Airlift Wing command staff is joined by representatives of the Hickam Community Action Team, Hickam Key Stone Club, Junior/Brownie Troop 214, Hickam Air Force Base Family Advocacy, SARC and others to kick off a special month.

Focus turns to keiki during the month of April at base

By Chris Aguinaldo
Hickam Kukini editor

More than two dozen members of the Hickam AFB community — a lot of them children — gathered earlier this week to mark the beginning of a very special month. "There's a lot of people here," observed 15th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Giovanni Tuck, as he entered the Wing Conference Room to sign a document proclaiming April the Month of the Military Child, Alcohol Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault

Awareness Month. "These four programs are touchstone programs of this Wing," said Col. Tuck. "It's very important and vital to get the message out." Which is why the group — made up of representatives of the Hickam Community Action Team, Hickam Key Stone Club, Junior/Brownie Troop 214, Hickam Air Force Base Family Advocacy, SARC and other concerned citizens — was there, to help raise awareness of these causes. "As a teen, I should be aware of the problems of the world and be part of the solution," said Stephen

Lawrence, 15, of the Key Stone Club, who attended the ceremony. In addition to addressing problems, it's a time to recognize the important sacrifices children make for the military family, especially in times of deployment. The Month of the Military Child was first observed in 1986. There are events scheduled over the next several weeks related to each of observances including:

- Teddy Bear Drive for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii at Pearlridge Uptown, April 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Junior Police Officers from Hickam

Elementary School will attend.

- Child Abuse Prevention Month Display/Resource Table at Hickam Library.
- A clothing/donation drive for the Windward Spouse's Shelter, when items can be brought to a table at the BXtra or dropped off at the SARC office in the Nelles Chapel, from April 28 to May 2.

Check *Hickam Kukini* for more information throughout the month.

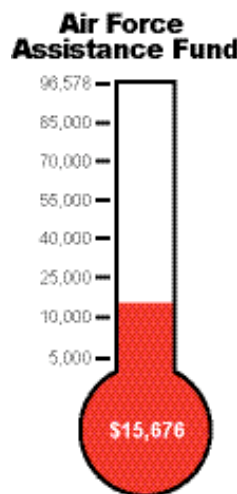


Photo by Ed Foster

Hickam hosts Trilateral Conference

Lt. Col. Casey Eaton, the 535th Airlift Squadron commander, at right, briefs Maj. Gen. Kosuke Yoshida, the director of logistics, Japan Self Defense Force, Joint Staff, on the capabilities of the C-17 Globemaster III last week. Gen. Yoshida and other military officials from Australia and the United States met here during a three-day trilateral conference focusing on security issues and mutual cooperation in international peacekeeping missions. It also focused on acquisition and cross-servicing agreements, airlift cooperation, expeditionary logistic support, and air transportation of hazardous material. The conference was hosted by U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Pacific Air Forces and the 13th Air Force here.

Team Hickam AFAF progress



Campaign ends April 27

ACTION LINE

A long wait in line turns even longer at commissary

Comment: On Sunday, January 25 at 4:30 p.m., I was buying groceries at the Hickam Commissary. I waited in the “30 Items or Less” self-checkout line for 20 minutes while watching two individuals each check out with full carts ... each well over the “30 Items or Less” restriction.

I asked the female attendant on duty if these lines were still for “30 Items or Less”; she answered yes. I then asked if anyone enforced the requirement because of the two individuals who just checked out with over 30 items in their carts; she simply said “Yeah” and walked off with nothing resolved.

Because she basically ignored me, I went to the Customer Service window and mentioned the issue to the woman on duty. She said management has tried to enforce the rule but fights occurred when people were confronted. She also said a colonel complained about being in line and being asked to move to another line

for being over the limit. He complained about it because he said he only had two items more (a total of 32 items). Again, nothing resolved.

I next spoke with a male manager who told me the signs designating the “30 Items or Less” self-checkout lines are pretty small and maybe people don’t see them; I replied that I can see the signs with no problem. He provided no further information. Again, nothing resolved.

Two issues: 1) Patrons who actually fight when they purposely break the rules, and — more importantly to me — 2) The colonel who flaunted his rank in trying to justify disobeying the rules and bullying his way through the line.

I don’t understand why this problem is allowed to occur and has obviously been a past problem. According to the managers, the issue was reported in the past but with no resolution. If no one will enforce the restriction so customers buying a few items can legitimately use the quick lines, then do away with the restriction so customers know to expect a

long wait.

I also don’t understand why the Hickam Commissary manager can’t be notified to enforce the rules when someone breaks them. If the patron continues to cause problems, call Security Forces, file a report, and remove the patron’s base privileges. Shopping on base is a privilege, not a right!

Response: Please accept my apologies for the problems you encountered at the Hickam AFB Commissary. The Commissary Manager has been contacted regarding this issue and has assured us that he will reinforce store policies to employees and they have his full support when it comes to enforcing this or any other store policy.

If employees are unable to deal with the situation, they will immediately contact store management who will handle the issue. If the situation persists and the customer becomes defiant then Security Forces will be called.

In order to speed up the process in the

self-checkout line, the Commissary Manager will be making the first two self-checkouts 15 items or less.

Again, we apologize for the inconveniences you were caused, and can assure you the Commissary Manager will ensure all store policies are complied with. Thank you for bringing this to my attention. If you have additional or questions or issues please don’t hesitate to call Mr. Means at 449-1363, Ext 301.

The Action Line is your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. I urge you to use the normal chain of command first. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, contact my commander’s Action Line. If you would like me to get back to you, send your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response. I’ll work on your issue and respond verbally or in writing.

The Action Line e-mail is: 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil.

Diamond Tips

Uniform standards – Do not wear the uniform if uniform items do not meet Air Force specifications; if wearing it implies Air Force endorsement of a cause; when in civilian attire; when working in an off-duty capacity; for private employment/commercial interests; to further political activities; if it might discredit the Armed Forces.

Questions? Contact your First Sergeant!



Got Hickam News?

Why not share it? E-mail your story idea or press release for Hickam Kukini to:

caguinal@honolulu.gannett.com



Deadline for article submission is end of day Friday for next Friday’s issue. Copy must be typed, double-spaced 12-point type, 300-500 words in length, and e-mailed to caguinal@honolulu.gannett.com.

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Kukini: Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.



Photo by Jay Parco

SFS Airman takes the ‘plunge’

Garbed in a colorful wig and white dress shirt, Senior Airman Norris Brown of the Security Forces Squadron participated in the recent Polar Plunge at Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park. He was among those diving into an icy pool for the chilly stunt to raise money for Special Olympics Hawaii. SrA Brown also won a costume contest, resembling Tom Cruise’s character in “Risky Business.”

PT is kind of like dirty socks

Commentary by Master Sgt. Steven Goetsch
Air Combat Command
Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFNS) — The phone rings in your office. It is the orderly room and they want to speak to you. Daily Air Force life lends itself to a couple possibilities. Performance report overdue? No. Late for a meeting? No. Orders? Can’t be. When you ask them what they want, their response is simply, “You need to come and sign something.”

That could only mean one thing: urinalysis. As you begrudgingly go to your orderly room with bottle of water in hand, you are shocked to find out you have been tasked to take your annual physical training test tomorrow.

Now this is just a fictitious scenario, but what if? The Air Force is constantly tweaking our fitness program so that it will improve the way Airmen stay fit to fight, and my little scenario might not be too far from reality. There is no doubt that overall physical fitness has improved, but in a lot of cases, it falls short of being battle ready.

This reluctance to consistently stay in shape almost has the makings of some type of mind control. I believe it is

those same forces that make me throw my dirty socks on the floor. Sometimes even at the foot of the hamper. It drives my wife nuts. You would think after 15 years, I would eventually “get it”, but when my wife asks me why I do it, I just look at her with a blank stare, empty mind and the only thing I can even think to say is, “I don’t know.” Even that discomfort doesn’t keep me from doing it again.

That same hypnotic state runs through fitness centers around the world. Airmen know they have PT tests every year, and know they can be tagged to deploy at any time, and somehow, you still have some Airmen who resist. Once again, mind control.

PT has been around much longer than my wife and I have been together, but there we all are, I’m getting yet another lecture, and physical therapy clinics are being gainfully employed.

Now directing Airmen to do something doesn’t always garner the best response. Most of the time you receive better results when you get buy in. That’s why the Air Force tries to ease into change with subtlety. Getting time to PT, the latest and greatest equipment and fitness on performance reports are all great catalysts for a fit

force, but the latest proposal of spontaneous PT tests just makes the most sense to me. We are all expeditionary, all the time. What else is there to debate?

Monitoring fitness year round is not new. Many units are already conducting “mock” PT tests. Their rising unpopularity forces some physical training leaders to conceal their mock tests under such a veil of secrecy that you would think it is a matter of national security. If they do not take those measures, the Outlook calendar coincidentally receives a lot of visitors.

I just think people dislike PT because some programs are hard physical work that requires a long-term commitment. The bad part about that attitude is if you stay in shape all year long, it’s really not that difficult. I’m still trying to figure out exactly at what point in our lives did running around stop being fun and become this annoying bear that gets heavier after each lap of the track. As children, your parents probably had to drag you home from running around the neighborhood.

We’re all older now, and I will be the first to admit that it is harder to get those miles in, but getting paid to work-out seems to be a pretty good gig. In some ways, I guess that makes us all professional

athletes, and the Air Force is our official sponsor. Now I wouldn’t start calling Drew Rosenhaus to negotiate your STEP promotion, but it is definitely a great benefit that you would be crazy not to take advantage of.

Even if you aren’t tasked to operate in the mountains of Afghanistan, or convoy for hours on end through the streets of Baghdad, there is even a reason to stay in shape back at home station. That reason starts for everyone some time Monday morning as we put that uniform on.

As a supervisor, I try to impart the importance of PT to my subordinates, but sometimes when the benefit is invisible, or buried deep in the future like reduced stress, better cardiovascular health, or longevity, it is a lot harder to make your point. When we PT outside, I’ll even resort to rah-rah tactics and tell them that I know it is cold and rainy, but quickly remind them that it was 17 degrees in Afghanistan yesterday.

As a last resort, I just give them my wife’s dirty sock speech, I always remove the sarcasm and expletives, because that wouldn’t be professional of me. But it is just about as basic as it gets. “It’s not difficult. You know what to do, so just do it.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Sean Martin
Firefighters from the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron and the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Department work together to fight a fire at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Japan building that caught fire at Yokota Air Base, Japan in January. PACAF bases have been scheduling fire prevention weeks and Hickam's is on April 6-10.

Hickam Fire Prevention Week: April 6-10

By Hickam Kukini staff

Pacific Air Forces has experienced fire losses both at work and in homes on and off base. The top causes of fires in PACAF are unattended cooking/cooking related reasons, electrical malfunctions; and improper disposals of smoking materials and candles. The most recent fire in the command was at Yokota Air Base, Japan. It was caused by a power cord that had become worn after many years of use. The cord overheated and sparked a very significant fire.

The following checklist is courtesy of Hickam Fire Emergency Services, to help everyone with electrical safety. Look for more tips in upcoming issues of *Hickam Kukini* as part of "Fire Prevention is an All Year Awareness Program: Plug into Fire Safety!"



Courtesy photo

If too many pieces of equipment are plugged into the same outlet and they're all on at the same time, more current may be running through the outlet than it can handle. When that happens, the wiring or the outlet will overheat and this could potentially create an electrical fire. Overloading is even more of a problem with extension cords. An overloaded outlet can overheat and potentially create an electrical fire.

CHECKLIST FOR ELECTRICAL FIRE SAFETY

- ☐ Extension cords, power strips and surge protectors are energized from a wall receptacle, not from another extension cord, power strip or surge protector.
- ☐ Examine flexible cords for signs of cracking, fraying, wearing or damage; if damaged, remove from service.
- ☐ Multiple plug adapters are not used solely to provide additional outlets.
- ☐ Extension cords are not used as a substitute for fixed wiring.
- ☐ Do not run extension cords through holes in ceilings, walls, floors, doorways windows or under carpet.
- ☐ Outlets, switches, and junction boxes are inspected for defects and unused opening are covered.
- ☐ Avoid overloading electrical outlets; plug high wattage appliances into separate outlets.
- ☐ All appliances/electrical devices are labeled UL or FM approved.
- ☐ Surge suppressors are inspected periodically per manufacturer's instructions.
- ☐ Microwave ovens, coffee pots, toasters and refrigerators are energized directly from a wall receptacle, not from an extension cord, power strip or surge protector.
- ☐ Do not leave electrical heaters unattended.
- ☐ Comply with manufacturer's safety instructions.
- ☐ Use electrical outlet covers if you have young children.
- ☐ Electrical safety practices comply with AFOSH 91-501, Chapter 8.

ALS honors its recent graduates

By Senior Master Sergeant Vanessa A. Smallsbryant
Director of Education/Airman Leadership School Commandant

The Hickam Professional Military Education Center hosted the graduation banquet for Airman Leadership School Class 09-B on Wednesday, April 1. More than 280 guests were treated to an entertaining evening highlighted by guest speaker Chief Master Sergeant Scott Delveau, First Sergeant, HQ Pacific Air Force, Hickam AFB.

Senior Airman Nathan M. Hoyt, from the 324 Intelligence Squadron, garnered top honors as the John L. Levitow Award recipient.

Senior Airman Jonah D. Uhl from the 15 Civil Engineer Squadron, earned both the Leadership and Distinguished Graduate Awards.

Senior Airman Brittany B. Hughes from the 324 Intelligence Squadron, earned both the Academic Achievement and the Distinguished Graduate Awards.

Other Distinguished Graduates included Senior Airman Andrew S. Hausker from the 324 Intelligence Squadron, Senior Airman Dustin L. Brown, from the 56 Air and Space Communications Squadron.

The Airman Leadership School (ALS) is an Air Force educational program implemented at the base level that prepares senior Airmen for positions of greater responsibility. It provides many of the leadership skills required of supervisors and reporting officials throughout the Air Force. ALS enhances the development of senior airmen by strengthening their ability to lead, follow, and manage while they gain a broader understanding of the military profession. The course consists of three curriculum

areas: Profession of Arms, Leadership and Communication Skills. The lessons in the curriculum areas are distributed throughout the four graduate attributes: Military Professional, Combat Leader, Supervisor of Airmen, and the Supervisory Communicator. During the 5-week course, students also performed weekly reveille/retreat formations, uniform inspections and participated in weekly Fit-to-Fight activities. In addition to maintaining ALS' rigorous academic demands, students of Class 09-B volunteered time with beach beautification projects at Hickam AFB and Blaisdell Beach Park in Pearl City.

Upon graduation, each student receives ten semester hours of college credit from the Community College of the Air Force. Graduation from ALS completes the first of four levels of Air Force professional military education.

Graduates of ALS Class 09-B

8 Intelligence Squadro n

SrA Travis Shugarts
SrA Julie Sindayen
SrA Benjamin Steine

15 Aeromedical Dental Squadro n

SrA Daniel Galacgac

15 Airlift Wing

SrA Kimberly Haithcoat
SrA Carolyn Viss

15 Civil Engineer Squadron

SrA Nolan Bousman
SSgt David Mentele

SrA Travis Pascua
SrA Jonah Uhl

15 Contracting Squardon

SrA Stephen Hueftle

15 Logistics Readiness Squadro n

SrA Michael Alfred
SSgt Nathan Angel

15 Maintenance Squadro n

SrA Jimmy McCabe
SrA Ruben Pacheco

15 Medical Operations Squadron

SrA Jonathan Andrew

15 Operations Group

SrA Derek Johnson

15 Security Forces Squadro n

SrA Summer Casison
SrA Charles Nelson
SSgt Maureen Torres

17 Operational Weather Squadron

SrA Leona Amaneha

56 Air & Space Squadron

SrA Dustin Brown
SrA Joshua Moyers

324 Intelligence Squadro n

SrA Ryan Aherin
SrA Chelsea Baird

SrA Patsy Bulisco
SrA Alexis Curtis
SrA Daniel Dearmond

SrA Jeffrey Fiandt
SSgt Kyle Gearen
SrA Andrew Hausker
SrA Richard Hodgdon
SrA Nathan Hoyt
SrA Brittany Hughes
SrA Andrew Krobatsch
SrA Ashly Massey
SrA Samantha Noonan
SrA Jennifer Phillips
SrA Christine Riggins
SrA Cassandra Samaniego
SrA David Strickler
SrA Cindy Wah
SrA Nicholas Watkins
SrA Lisa Winter

735 Air Mobility Squadro n

SSgt Joeseph Grossman
SrA Joshua Nuss
SrA Asia Ross
SrA Michael Schoonover

Detachment 1 561 Network Squadro n

SrA Alvin Davis
SrA Alexander Parsons

Joint Intelligence Command Pacific

SrA Jason Johnson

Pacific Air Forces

SrA Lyneth Ann Labuguen

Federal employees recognized at luncheon

An annual luncheon to honor federal employees from across the Pacific is scheduled to take place, Wednesday, May 6, at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and will be hosted by the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board.

The 53rd Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards Luncheon will honor more than 150 federal employees for outstanding service. The event is centered on a theme of, "Leaders Inspiring a Shared Vision." Tickets are \$36 before April 17 and \$40 after that date. For ticket

information, contact 541-2637 or e-mail awards@hpfeb.org.

The Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board collaborates and initiates programs to support more than 100 federal agencies and more than 65,000 civilian and military employees across the Pacific.

"Our awardees epitomize the very best qualities of federal public servants and we are honored to recognize them," says Gloria Uyehara, Executive Director of the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board. "With honorees from across the

Pacific, including Korea, Alaska and Japan, this is truly a pan-Pacific event and emphasizes the important work the U.S. federal government is doing in far-flung places."

Uyehara says many of the federal honorees are being recognized for mentoring, teamwork, volunteering and public stewardship.

More than 1,200 attendees are expected, including federal, state and military dignitaries at the luncheon, which will include an all-agencies expo and free training sessions on retirement, identity theft and wellness.

An expo for federal agencies at 9 a.m. kicks off the event, followed by the training sessions and then the luncheon at 11 a.m.

A 1961 presidential directive established 28 Federal Executive Boards nation-

wide. The boards are comprised of locally-based senior-level federal agency officials and takes on several initiatives each year, including the popular Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), which raises donations from

federal employees for charitable causes.

Hosted by Mahealani Richardson and Dan Meisenzahl, this year's luncheon will be broadcast on TV later in May by Oceanic Cable's 'Olelo.

Vaccinations mandatory for more Airmen

By PACAF Public Affairs

More Airmen in Pacific Air Forces will be affected by the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program exception to policy signed Dec. 5, 2008 by the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

“The extended nature of the immunization schedule necessitates pre-designation of personnel to ensure Air Force personnel most likely to deploy to high-threat areas on short notice are provided the maximum protection available against Anthrax,” said Maj. Gen. Mike Hostage III, PACAF vice commander.

Under the new exception to policy, the following personnel may be subject to mandatory anthrax vaccinations: mobility aircrew for the C-17, C-130 and KC-135 aircraft, special airlift mission aircrew for the C-37 and C-40 aircraft, aeromedical evacuation aircrew, Security Forces RAVENs, Air Mobility Operational Support Aircrew/Flying Crew Chiefs, Office of Special Investigations agents and Contingency Response Wings, to include affiliated units, response elements and liaison teams.

The program was ordered to resume under the deputy secretary of defense in October 2006. It man-

dates Airmen assigned to high-threat areas receive the Anthrax vaccine.

The mandatory anthrax vaccinations were previously limited to certain Airmen designated to deploy to specific high-threat areas - primarily the Central Command area of responsibility or the Korean peninsula. Designated special mission units, regardless of location, are also subject to mandatory anthrax vaccinations, and voluntary anthrax vaccinations will continue for certain non-mandatory members.

In order to ensure sufficient immunity to Anthrax, personnel must complete the full anthrax immunization series in accordance

with the approved dosing schedule, General Hostage said.

There are five shots in the Anthrax series. The initial vaccination is followed by a shot four weeks, six months, 12 months and 18 months. Once Airmen complete the series they need an annual booster to remain current.

“The extended nature of the immunization schedule necessitates pre-designation of personnel to ensure Air Force personnel most likely to deploy to high-threat areas on short notice are provided the maximum protection available against Anthrax,” General Hostage said.

Personnel in the aforementioned categories who may deploy to a high-threat area, such as Korea or the Central Command area of responsibility, for 15 or more cumulative days in a 12-month period must be identified by their unit commanders.

The anthrax vaccine was first licensed in the United States in 1970. Since then, it has been given to those people — such as military members, veterinarians, farmers, and woolworkers — who could be exposed to environmental sources of anthrax.

For more information, contact local base immunization clinics.



Courtesy photo
Medal of Honor recipient Allan Kellogg and Assistant Wolf Den Leader Danny Jayne applaud the altruism of Cub Scout Pack 297.

Base Cub Scouts meet Medal of Honor recipient

By Hickam Kukini staff

A Medal of Honor recipient recently visited Hickam AFB — not to be recognized, but to mark the work of young citizens.

Marine Sergeant Major (Ret.) Allan Kellogg, who threw himself on a grenade to protect his unit in Vietnam, stopped by the HCH Community Center to meet members of Hickam Cub Scout Pack 297. The

pack had just completed a special service project. They collected clothing, personal hygiene items, single serving food products and other useful items to donate to the VA hospital to give to homeless veterans.

Mr. Kellogg works with the VA and came to the base to help pick up the donations, which “filled three pickup truck loads,” according to Cubmaster Steve Lipscomb.

“We were honored to have a man who has done so much for his fellow veterans come to honor Cub Scout Pack 297’s contribution,” Lipscomb said.

Many of the scouts now have a stronger support for helping those who once sacrificed themselves on behalf of the country, he added.

For information on the project or Cub Scouts, call Lipscomb at 377-7787 or Beth Thomas at 423-7037.

Crime Scene

Driving under the influence of an intoxicant
A civilian was detained

at the Hickam Main Gate for operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant. The individual was released to the Honolulu Police Department for processing.

Citation Total for March 23-30

Zero Abandoned vehicle notices
Eight Civilian traffic citations
14 Moving traffic citations
Zero Non-moving traffic citations



Photo by Chris Aguinaldo

We’ve got Raptors?!

An F-22 Raptor emblazoned with Hickam’s HH tail code comes in for a landing after an impressive flight, where it showed off its awesome air capability. No, this isn’t an April Fool’s joke — just a clever tribute at the recent Pacific Aviation Museum model air show on Ford Island. It was flown by remote control by Tim Chrismer, who looks forward to seeing the real fighters when they arrive here. For more about the museum’s events and displays, visit www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

Next interation of Commando Sling set to begin today

Submitted by 13th Air Force Public Affairs

Six U.S. Marine Corps F/A-18 Hornets from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, will participate in the next iteration of Commando Sling 09 scheduled for April 3-23 at Paya Lebar Air Base, Singapore.

The exercise involves forces from the U.S. Air Force, which participated in iterations one and two, the U.S. Marines Corps, and the Republic of Singapore Air Force. Commando Sling consists of a series of four deployments running from late October 2008 through August 2009.

The Marines will conduct dissimilar air combat training with the RSAF, where different types of aircraft fly air-to-air missions against each other. The Marine unit participating in this iteration of Commando Sling 09 is Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 224, part of the Marine Aircraft Group 12, assigned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

The annual Commando Sling series began in 1990 to provide air combat training for U.S. Air Force and RSAF fighter units. The exercises allow U.S. units to sharpen air combat skills, improve procedures to conduct air operations at a non-U.S. base and enhance partnerships between the air forces and nations.

The Hawaii Air National Guard's 199th Fighter Squadron, 154th Fighter Wing, here will participate in the final iteration of Commando Sling scheduled to take place in early July.

Commando Sling is one of many Pacific Air Forces exercises in the Asia-Pacific region that continues to demonstrate the U.S. commitment to peace and stability.

NEWS NOTES, from A1

Terminals. If interested or have questions, please contact SrA Adam Cook at adam.cook@hickam.af.mil prior to COB on Friday April 3.

Writing Smart NSPS Job Objectives — The Civilian Personnel Flight (CPF) is sponsoring five 4-hour classes for NSPS employees and supervisors of NSPS employees. The course schedule is as follows: 14 Apr, 0730-1130 and 1230-1630, CPF Training Room (Bldg 1105); 15 Apr, 0730-1130, CPF Training Room (Bldg 1105); and 16 Apr, 0730-1130 and 1230-1630, CPF Training Room (Bldg 1105). Class description/objectives, and online

registration are available at the CPF Web site at <https://hickam.eim.pacaf.af.mil/15AW/15MSG/15MSS/DP/C/default.aspx>. Register early — seats are limited. If special arrangements are necessary to make this accessible to disabled employees, call 449-0141 in advance.

Honolulu Multiple Sclerosis Walk volunteers needed — The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is looking for volunteers to assist with the Annual Honolulu MS Walk on April 11, Ala Moana Park. If interested, contact MSgt Michella Malone at michella.malone@hickam.af.mil or 449-1547 by April 7.



Photo by Chris Aguinaldo

Jetting off to their wedding

Wanting a truly memorable wedding, MSgt. Ron Haston of the 139th Airlift Wing's 180th Airlift Squadron at Rosecrans Air National Guard Base, Saint Joseph, Mo., and his new bride Gigi were married on April 1, at the display of jets on O'Malley Boulevard. The newlyweds received lots of smiles from motorists driving past who honked their horns to congratulate the couple.